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PAPILLOMAVIRUS FUSION
POLYPEPTIDE**Examiner:** Connell, Y**Group Art Unit:** 1633**Paper No.** 10**FAX RECEIVED**

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Steven J. Hultquist**PLEASE HAND-DELIVER TO EXAMINER Y. CONNELL (TELEPHONE: (703) 308-7942)****RESPONSE TO AUGUST 2, 2000 OFFICE ACTION IN UNITED STATES PATENT
APPLICATION NO. 09/230,929**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 5, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application, wherein a restriction requirement (35 U.S.C. § 121) has been imposed against pending claims 14-66 of the present application, as between:

Group I claims 14-59, drawn to an adeno-associated virus vector comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a fusion polypeptide comprising a structural papilloma polypeptide and an early papilloma polypeptide, and

Group II claims 60-66, drawn to a vaccine composition comprising adeno associated vector, and a method for activating the immune system of a subject via vaccine composition,

applicants hereby elect **Group I claims 14-59, without traverse.**

Such election is made with express reservation of the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the non-elected Group II claims 60-66, during the pendency of the present application or during the pendency of a further continuation or divisional patent application based on and claiming the priority of the present application.

It therefore is requested that examination of the elected claims 14-59 proceed.

If any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to effect their resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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